**Lady’s Bedstraw (Galium verum)**

- Flowers **small, yellow** and spirally **whorled** around the stem.
- Plant does **not** have recurved prickles.

**Cleavers (Galium aparine)**

- Flowers **small, white** and in clusters of **3-10**.
- Plant with recurved prickles which help with climbing and support.
- Leaves **lanceolate** and in **whorls** of **6-8** around the stem.
- The prickles on *Galiums* give them the ability to **stick/cling** onto objects.

**Northern Bedstraw (Galium boreale)**

- Flowers **small, white** and in **multiple clusters**.
- Leaves lanceolate with **3 veins** and **rough edges** in whorls of **4-8** around the stem.
- Fruits of the plant with recurved prickles.

**Woodruff (Galium odoratum)**

- Flowers **small, white** and in loose **clusters**.
- Leaves oblong-lanceolate in whorls of **8** around the stem.
- Fruits of the plant with recurved prickles.
- Plant is **scented**.
- Associated with woodland and damp shaded areas.

**Marsh Bedstraw (Galium palustre)**

- Flowers **small, white** and in loose **clusters**.
- Leaves oblong-lanceolate in whorls of **4-6**.
- Plant with recurved prickles.
- Associated with wet ground, marshes, wet grasslands and even ditches.
### Heath Bedstraw (*Galium saxatile*)

- Flowers **small, white** and in clusters.
- Leaves oblong-lanceolate in whorls of **6-8**.

### Limestone Bedstraw (*Galium sternerii*)

- Flowers small, creamy white in clusters.
- Leaves linear in whorls of **6-8**.

### Hedge Bedstraw (*Galium mollugo*)

- Flowers small, white and in long loose clusters.
- Leaves lanceolate in whorls of **5-8**.

### Fen Bedstraw (*Galium uliginosum*)

- Similar in appearance to *Galium palustre* but much daintier.
- Flowers are small, white and in loose clusters, leaves are lanceolate in whorls of 6-8. Leaf with recurved prickles along the margin and tips ending in rough point.

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